agricultural land (net area sown and current fallow land) in the country, which also includes fertile land remains more or less stable around 183 million hectares over 4 to 5 years. Industrial development, *ipso facto*, has no impact on reduction of agricultural production.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a)

(c) and (d) According to the demand projections made for the Tenth Five Year, the demand for cereals during 2005-06 stands at 174.92 million tonnes. The estimated cereals production made during 2005-06 stands at 195.19 million tonnes. Food stocks are maintained by the Central Government according to buffer stock norms to meet the food security needs of the country. During 2006-07, the Government has decided to import 55 lakh tones of wheat for the Central pool to Increase the level of wheat stocks and to meet its requirement under targeted public distribution system and other welfare schemes. The imported wheat is intended to be distributed under targeted Public Distribution System (PDS) and under other welfare schemes at central issue prices notified from time to time. Wheat are available to below poverty line population at Rs. 4.15 per kg., above poverty line population at Rs. 6.10 per kg and the poorest of the poor covered under Antadoya Anna Yojana Scheme at Rs. 2.00 per kg.

Assistance to State Pesticide Testing Laboratory

1036. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will issue sanction of Rs. 393.00 lakhs during 2006-07 for establishing facilities for analysis of residues by strengthening and upgradation of State Pesticide Testing Laboratory, Durgapura, Jaipur; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Government of India has already sanctioned an amount of Rs. 393.00 lakhs on 21.6.2006 for the establishment of a Residue Testing Laboratory at Durgapura, Jaipur.